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Senate Bill 136 (As Introduced)

Topic: Diploma Mills

Sponsor: Senator George

Co-sponsors: Senators Kuipers, Basham, Jelinek, Hardiman, Garcia,
Goschka, Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Allen, Cherry, Jacobs,
Brater, and Toy

Committee: Senate Education Committee

Date Introduced: February 1, 2005

Date of Summary: February 16, 2005

The bill creates the Authentic Credentials in Education Act. The bill prohibits a person from knowingly issuing or manufacturing a false academic credential. Violation of this prohibition is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$20,000.

An individual is prohibited from knowingly using a false academic credential to obtain employment, a promotion, higher compensation, admission to a qualified institution, or in connection with any loan, business, trade, profession, or occupation. An individual is also prohibited from knowingly using or claiming to have an academic credential that he or she does not actually possess. If the director of the Department of Labor & Economic Growth finds that an individual has violated either of these prohibitions, a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 may be assessed against that individual.